Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that this application is in condition for allowance and Applicants henceforth respectfully solicit such allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference might expedite the prosecution of this case, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to call the undersigned, Applicants' attorney, at: (516) 742-4343.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS

The following are marked up versions of the amended claims:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A system for distributing music to customer households comprising:

a data transmission system blanket transmitting a plurality of music selections to customer households in digital form;

a user station at each of a plurality of customer households, the user station including;

means <u>for</u> [permitting the] said customer household [to preselect] <u>preselection of</u> desired transmitted music selections for recording;

means for said system preselection of desired transmitted music selections for recording;

a receiver and associated high capacity storage medium for recording preselected music selections in digital form;

an audio output for outputting audio signals from the storage medium to a playback device so that the customer household may playback those recorded music selections it wishes to enjoy;

a central controller system having a database for storing therein an address corresponding to each customer household;

a communications link between each customer household and the central controller system to verify to the controller system when a preselected music selection has been made available for playback; and

a billing system associated with the central controller system to bill customer households for music selections that are made available for playback.

Please amend Claim 2 as follows:

2. (Amended) A method of distributing music to customer households comprising the steps of:

blanket transmitting a plurality of music selections to customer households by direct broadcast satellite (DBS) at data transmission rates faster than real time;

providing each customer household with information identifying available music selections that will be transmitted;

permitting <u>said</u> each customer household to preselect and record desired music selections on a high capacity storage medium;

permitting <u>said</u> each customer household to playback recorded music selections;

communicating music playback information from <u>said</u> each customer household to a central controller system; and

billing <u>said</u> customer households for the recorded music selections that are made available for playback.